

Torrance, California  
August 21, 1945

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 21, 1945, at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Cucci.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Wm. H. Stanger, Superintendent of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 and Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, with reference to the application of the General Petroleum Corporation for proposed meter installation and service connection to the 16" Metropolitan Water District water main on the east side of Crenshaw Boulevard at their Torrance Refinery which was read at a meeting held August 17th. Mr. Stanger advised that the installation will not interfere with the service to the Municipal Water District No. 1, and the water rates requested by the General Petroleum are comparable to what other industries are paying to the Water District No. 1. They recommended that the City Council request the Metropolitan Water District to make the connection to the General Petroleum Corporation property line, and that a copy of the application of the General Petroleum Corporation, together with map, be forwarded to the Engineering Department of the Metropolitan Water District for their approval. They also recommended that the water rates requested by the General Petroleum Corporation be established by ordinance or resolution.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the General Petroleum Corporation be granted in accordance with recommendations of W. H. Stanger, Superintendent, Water Department and City Engineer Jain. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock explained that any funds obtained from the General Petroleum Corporation for water received will be applied to the Metropolitan Water District tax covering the whole city.

A communication was read from Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion advising that as the City of Torrance has greatly benefited by the attraction of thousands of people to witness the Southern California Baseball Tournament being held in Torrance under sponsorship of the American Legion and Southern California Baseball Association, it would be fitting and proper for the City of Torrance to present the first trophy, the cost of which would approximate \$50.00.

Councilman Gilbert asked the City Attorney if it would be legal for the City of Torrance to purchase and present the first award to the winning team.

Attorney McCall replied that since it is for the benefit of the entire city, he saw no objection to the Council purchasing a trophy.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$50.00 be made from the Advertising Fund for the purchase of a trophy to be presented to the winning team of the Southern California Baseball Tournament. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

A communication was read from the Chamber of Commerce advising that the Bert S. Crossland Post #170, Torrance American Legion, sponsoring the Torrance Semi-Pro Baseball Team, is in favor of the Torrance Ball Players being properly uniformed, inasmuch as the team will continue to represent the City throughout the year and the City of Torrance will be the hosts to various visiting teams during the current tournament. The letter explained that some fifteen uniforms would be needed along with a little equipment, involving an estimated cost of \$500.00.

Councilman Gilbert mentioned that he had discussed this matter with members of the Legion and Mr. Walker, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and it was decided that if the City purchase the required uniforms they would be kept in the custody of the Recreation Department; that a suitable advertising emblem of Torrance would be placed on the uniforms; and he believed that Torrance would greatly benefit from this advertising.

Councilman Gilbert moved that an appropriation of \$500.00 be made from the Advertising Fund for the purchase of fifteen uniforms to be used by the Torrance Ball Players. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Deputy Clerk Hallanger presented and read:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 364

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
FIXING THE TAX RATES AND LEVYING TAXES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,  
1945.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Emergency Ordinance No. 364 be adopted for first and final reading. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

An opinion was read from City Attorney McCall in reply to the question of whether a Councilman has the authority to dismiss a Civil Service employee, which opinion was requested at a meeting of the Council held August 17, 1945.

After stating the facts in connection with the dismissal of Mr. H. C. Callihan, Bus Operator, by Councilman Cucci, Attorney McCall quoted excerpts from Section 11 of Ordinance No. 326 and Rules and Regulations for the Administration of the Personnel System, Rule I; and in addition quoted from Deering's California

General Laws, Act 5233, Sections 852 and 859 and from various cases to substantiate his opinion that Councilman Cucci did not have the legal authority to discharge Mr. Callihan.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Clerk be instructed to furnish the Civil Service Board with a copy of the City Attorney's opinion and that the original be filed for future use. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell moved that Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Comer, Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Sperry be employed as crossing guards, at a salary of 70¢ per hour, effective September 4, 1945. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Powell moved that Lucille M. Stroh, whose name appears on the Civil Service Eligible List, be employed as Police Matron and File Clerk in the Police Department, at a salary scheduled on examination, effective September 10, 1945. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Clarence Bell be employed as a motor patrol operator in the Street Department at a salary of \$250.00 per month, effective August 27, 1945. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that City Attorney McCall be instructed to prepare an ordinance establishing water rates to be applied to the property of the General Petroleum Corporation which is not included within the boundaries of the Municipal Improvement District No. 1. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Hitchcock, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Cucci.

At 8:30 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the meeting adjourned.

  
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

ATTEST:

  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE